



Satellite image with enhanced low cloud-top temperatures (degrees C) for 7:15 a.m. EDT (NOAA)

### **Agricultural Weather Highlights - Wednesday - September 24, 2003**

- ***In the West***, scattered showers from the remnants of Tropical Storm Marty linger over **Arizona**. Elsewhere, warmth and dryness promote seasonal fieldwork and summer crop dry down.
- ***On the Plains***, dry weather fosters hard red winter wheat planting and summer crop harvesting. However, cool weather and pockets of dryness slow wheat emergence on the ***northern and central High Plains***.
- ***In the Corn Belt***, mostly sunny, albeit cool weather promotes summer crop dry down and harvesting, with isolated showers causing only local fieldwork delays.
- ***In the South***, showers expected today from ***eastern Texas to the Delta*** will likely cause minor summer crop harvesting delays. Sunny skies promote autumn fieldwork in the ***Southeast*** and help floodwater to recede in the ***mid-Atlantic region***.

**Outlook:** High pressure will provide cool, dry weather to the ***Atlantic Coast States***, although a stationary front will maintain scattered showers in ***peninsular Florida***. Meanwhile, showers and thunderstorms, some severe, will accompany a strong cold front in the ***Ohio Valley and Great Lakes States***, while behind the front, scattered rain and snow showers are possible in the ***upper Midwest***. Generally dry weather will prevail from the ***Rockies to the Pacific Coast***. However, remnants of Marty will bring locally heavy rain to portions of the ***Southwest***, possibly reaching into ***West Texas***. The NWS 6-10 day outlook for September 29-October 3 features surplus precipitation ***in northern California, southern Oregon, and along the Atlantic Coast***, while drier-than-normal conditions are anticipated ***from the Intermountain West eastward to the Appalachians***. Above-normal temperatures are expected ***from the High Plains westward***, while cooler-than-normal weather is forecast ***in the eastern half of the Nation***.

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